



World Association of Lesson Studies

Minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting

Date: 10th December 2010

Online

07.30 (CET)

14.30 (Singapore)

01.30 (ET)

The meeting was attended online by 47 members of WALS which did not make the meeting quorate. In line with the constitution, items requiring a vote did not take place until 30 minutes after the start of the meeting when those present were considered to be a quorum.

Pre-meeting 14.30 – 15.00 (Singapore Time)

1. Welcome by WALS President, - Dr. Pete Dudley

1.1 Pete welcomed everyone to the 9th Annual General Meeting of WALS. He gave a particular welcome to those attending the AGM for the first time. He noted how strange a world it had been for everyone in 2020, and remarked that the conference, due to have been held in San Francisco the previous week and led by Catherine Lewis obviously had to be cancelled and instead we held our first online conference running from three time zones. Other achievements included three webinars, the publication of four volumes of the IJLLS and the launch of a really good book series. He remarked that WALS had come together as a big international team, and he gave thanks to everyone involved in making the conference a success, so securing WALS financially for the coming year as well as building much better web capacity for managing future conferences. Pete said that he felt that switching to teaching online had opened many doors which would not be closed in the future.

1.2 On a sad note, Pete announced the recent passing of Miriam MacGregor who from 2011 to 2018 had been the IJLLS editorial assistant

1.3 Pete explained that as the meeting was not quorate, decisions would only be made after 30 minutes. Questions would be taken regarding reports that were to be presented but there would be no votes on their acceptance until the formal meeting took place.

2. Questions for Jean Lang on the WALS Annual Report for 2020: Jean Lang, Hon. Gen. Sec

2.1 Jean presented highlights of her report which had previously been circulated to WALS members. She paid tribute to the work of the WALS Community in coming

together throughout the year to ensure WALs remained financially secure and to create the conference, four high quality IJLLS editions, webinars, PhD and early career researchers activities as well as the first books published in the WALs Routledge Lesson Study series.

2.2 She remarked that the WALs community was going forward into 2021 as a very strong organisation. Pete thanked Jean for her very full report as well as her work supporting WALs communications and the recent online conference. and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

3. Annual Financial Statement for 2020 and budget for 2021: Dr Hiroyuki Kuno, Hon. Treasurer

3.1 Pete introduced Hiro Kuno, the Honorary Treasurer and asked him to present his financial report and budget.

3.2 Hiro explained that it had been a difficult financial year for WALs as there had been no conference income. However, the predicted expenditure for the financial year 2019 to 20 matched the actual expenses by 99%. The loss of predicted conference income from WALs 2019 has led to an overall yearly deficit of \$14,000 US but he noted that this would be covered by accumulated funds. He remarked that the budget for 20/21 had also been affected by the face-to-face conference being cancelled but as we had managed to attract membership of more than 500 this year, the costs of maintaining the office in Singapore as well as a number of planned activities such as the PhD and Early Career Researchers network as well as webinars and our subscription costs for the IJLLS would be covered.

3.3 Pete remarked that the Council had agreed in 2019 to fund the development of a WALs Conference management system and it had been expected that this would have been used for the San Francisco conference. He noted that the 2020 conference committee had provided valuable help to develop this system prior to the cancelling of the conference, and there had then been further investment to manage the online conference. He mentioned that this capital investment would prove to be very important when planning future conferences and would ensure the consistency of WALs systems for registration as well as the submission and review of proposals. It was expected that the financial investment would be recouped over the next few years

3.4 Pete gave his thanks to Hiro and asked if there were any questions. No questions were raised.

3.5 Pete announced that Hiro had come to the end of his two-year period as Honorary Treasurer and thanked him for his excellent work. He noted the importance of this work and commented that despite all the problems of 2020, the budget for 2021 was secure.

WALS AGM business meeting from 15.00 (Singapore time)

At 15.00 (Singapore time), Pete welcomed attendees to the decision-making meeting for WALS and declared the meeting open. He thanked all the attendees and noted the importance of the meeting to the WALS organisation.

4. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received and accepted from Professor John Elliot and Professor Airi Rovio-Johansson

5. Minutes of the previous meeting

Pete noted that the minutes of the last meeting held in Amsterdam in 2019 had been available on the members section for the WALS website for the past year. He noted that due to the pandemic, a number of proposed actions such as a review of the Constitution had not taken place. He remarked that last October, the Executive Committee (Exco) had taken the decision to roll actions from the last AGM forward and for the current office bearers to remain in office for another year. He explained that this action did not include the Honorary Treasurer or the Auditors who have to change in line with the WALS constitution. Pete asked if there were any questions related to the minutes, none were forthcoming.

6. Approval of reports

6.1 Pete asked attendees to approve the WALS Annual Report by voting online. The Report was approved by a clear majority

6.2 A vote took place to approve the WALS financial report and it was approved unanimously

7. Appointment of Honorary Treasurer and auditors

7.1 Christine Lee (Immediate Past President of WALS) introduced this item by explaining the role of the Registry of Societies in Singapore in regulating WALS. Christine noted that as the WALS constitution requires the Treasurer and Auditors to change after a period of two years, it was necessary for these new roles to be replaced this year. Christine remarked that as she had been helping Hiro with banking matters in the past year, she had agreed to a proposal from Pete, seconded by Airi Rovio-Johansson at the recent Council meeting to take on the role of Honorary Treasurer for the coming year.

7.2 Pete thanked Christine for her very generous offer and asked Members to vote on the proposal from the Council for Christine to become Hon Treasurer of WALS for 2021. This proposal was accepted by Members at the meeting unanimously.

7.3 Pete introduced proposals agreed by the Council for Edmund Lim and Yan Ping Fang to become auditors for the next two years and both nominations were accepted unanimously. Pete thanked Edmund and Yan Ping for stepping forward to carry out this

important work for WALs and also Yeap Ban Har and Jiang Heng who had carried out this work in the previous two years.

8. Proposals and election of new council members: Ms. Jean Lang

8.1 Jean explained that the term for Council members is three years and the current term runs from January 2020 to December 2022. Any new members accepted onto the Council at this AGM would serve for two years from January 2021 to December 2022. Jean noted that those proposed for the Council were expected to be leading LS in their own countries as well as being willing to play a part in supporting the work of WALs worldwide. Jean introduced three nominations:

- **James Calleja**, an academic member of the University of Malta who has been leading LS for several years, offering LS courses through the University. James has written a number of research papers, including a recent publication in the IJLLS and another submitted to the special issue on online and digital LLS. He was nominated by Jean Lang and seconded by Pete Dudley.
- **János Győri**, a professor from Eötvös Loránd University in Hungary who has been a member of WALs since 2008. He has worked on projects with colleagues in Austria, Hungary, Malta and the Netherlands and has a very ambitious plan to develop LS in middle and south east Europe. His papers have been published widely including in 2019 'Lesson and learning studies—An edifying story'. In the European Journal of Education. János was nominated by Claudia Mewald and seconded by Pete Dudley.
- **David Sekao** is a teacher educator from the University of Pretoria in South Africa. He has introduced LS into four out of nine of the provinces in South Africa and has plans to collaborate with other institutions in Africa to develop LS across the continent. If his nomination is approved, David would be the first Council member from Africa. He was nominated by Hiroyuki Kuno and seconded by Pete Dudley.

8.2 Following online voting, all three nominations for membership of the Council from January 2021 to December 2022 were accepted by a clear majority.

8.3 Pete welcomed the three new Council members and commented that he looked forward to working with them in the future.

9. Questions for Dr. Siebrich de Vries on her report on WALs 2019 Conference.

9.1 Dr. Siebrich de Vries (Co-Chair of WALs 2019) presented highlights from the WALs 2019 conference report already circulated to Members. She announced that there were 944 delegates to the conference from 46 countries and reminded participants that the theme had been 'Crafting Sustainable Pedagogies.' Feedback from attendees had been extremely positive but with a few negative comments, for example about the lack of variety of food for lunch.

9.2 Dr. Wouter van Joolingen highlighted some items in the conference financial report. He noted that venue costs had been high but that University venue costs would have been very similar to those of the Johan Cruyff stadium. He remarked that the central square of the stadium had helped to create the positive atmosphere of the conference. He noted that the conference had ended with a small loss caused by some people who had registered for the conference but not attending or paying. The loss had been covered by the three organizing universities.

9.3 Pete congratulated the Netherlands team on an excellent conference and noted that Amsterdam is a very expensive place and WALs cannot always benefit from a profit as well as a very successful event.

10. Reflection on WALs 2020: Dr. Peter Dudley and Dr. Catherine Lewis

10.1 Pete noted that 11 months ago, the conference in San Francisco was at a very advanced stage of planning and promised to be very innovative and exciting. He remarked that the early planning of the face to conference had shaped the online conference that had run the previous week. The theme of Equity had shone through the whole conference and had been hugely important on many levels. A whole set of new approaches to sessions had led to innovative and interactive presentations.

10.2 Catherine noted that there had been marvellous presentations in all three time zones and that she would be checking out more sessions over the festive holidays. She noted that she had been particularly inspired by the number of teachers who had done so much to build equity in US schools and she had been particularly inspired by the opening keynote which included teachers, a principal and a district administrator from San Francisco who had worked together on different levels to use school-wide LS to dramatically improve maths results. Catherine mentioned that there had been more than 50 presentations in Zone 1 and many of them were in new formats including short 10-minute sessions and teachers leading a brainstorm on a challenge they were facing. She noted that the sessions really captured intellectual curiosity and remarked that she hoped that these formats would be built on in future conferences.

10.3 Pete remarked that it had been a real pleasure working with the organising committee in San Francisco and then with all the members of the zone planning teams worldwide. It had been an absolutely brilliant conference and the experience would help WALs to move into a blended world of face to face and online in the future.

11. Questions for Dr Po Yuk Ko on WALs 2021 Hong Kong/Macau “Revisiting lesson study and learning study”. Conference and immersion program Video.

11.1. Po Yuk Ko, Co-Chair of WALs 2021 to be held in Macau/Hong Kong highlighted important aspects of the conference.

- The conference will be jointly organised by the City University of Macau and the Education University of Hong Kong and Po Yuk Ko and Sean Li will be co-chairs.
- The main conference will be held in Macau between 29th November and 1st December and pre-conference activities on 28th November such as the Council meeting and the PhD conference will be held in Hong Kong as well as an optional

post conference Learning Study two-day immersion programme on 2nd and 3rd December. There will also be an option for post conference visits to schools in Macau on the 2nd.

- The theme of the conference will be 'Revisiting Lesson and Learning Studies: Accessibility, Quality and Sustainability.'
- The Macau Government has offered financial support for the conference.
- It is expected that this will be a blended conference with an opportunity for those unable to attend face to face to present online and access some presentations, including keynotes.

11.2 Pete thanked Po Yuk for her presentation and excellent promotional video and expressed a wish to see as many members as possible in Hong Kong/Macau in 2021.

12. Future conference proposals: Dr Hiroyuki Kuno. (Taken out of order).

It was announced under item 7 (above) that the 2022 WALC conference will be held at the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. *(The proposed date is September 2022. Dr Zanaton Iksan will chair the organizing committee. Further details can be found in the minutes of the 2020 WALC Council meeting).*

13. Questions for Dr Keith Wood on his report on the International Journal of Lesson and Learning Studies.

13.1 Keith highlighted main points from the report which had previously been circulated to members.

13.2 He looked forward to seeing the impact of inclusion in Clarivate's Social Science Index on future submissions to the Journal.

13.3 Keith noted that the IJLLS was on target for publishing volume 10 shortly and that there would be a special issue coming out in 2021 focussing on the application of online and digital lesson and learning study.

13.4 Keith remarked on the importance of the role of editorial assistant and thanked Shirley for carrying out her role so well.

13.5 Keith and Shirley encouraged members to submit papers which could if needed be written in an author's first language as support is available for English translation.

14. PhD and young researchers Programme 2020 - 2021 Dr Stéphane Clivaz

14.1 Stéphane introduced Shirley Tan, one of the organisers of the PhD and Early Career Teachers' Network.

14.2 Shirley remarked that from its inception in 2018, the network had grown to a much bigger worldwide group. She noted that there were now 94 students or early career researchers registered on the WALC database.

14.3 Shirley reported on four network activities that had taken place since the last AGM. Firstly, a meeting was organised for members of the community to meet and discuss how the pandemic had affected their lives and research. As a result of that meeting, an online 'bootcamp' was held where participants worked in small groups, sharing their writing concerns. A webinar was held to share methodological challenges in lesson and learning study research, and then the highlight of the year was the 2020 PhD community online conference which included two keynote speeches as well as group work supported by eight experts.

14.4 Shirley thanked WALs for supporting the community events and she looked forward to the next face to face PhD and Early Career Researchers conference in Macau/Hong Kong.

14.5 Pete thanked Shirley and remarked that the group was very important to the future of WALs and for lesson and learning study worldwide. He thanked all those involved with planning and organising the online conference and other events

15. AOB

15.1. Pete thanked all the editors of the WALs Routledge Lesson Study series for their work during the year to ensure the publication of the first books.

15.2 Christine Lee thanked all those who had contributed to the series and noted that two books were already being sold and three more were expected to be published in 2021.

15.3 Christine encourage WALs members to put forward proposals for future books and to take advantage of the current Routledge discount on books offered to WALs members.

15.4 Pete asked that the work of Kim and Renzhan during the year should be recorded as they had both worked tirelessly and with great dedication to ensure the success of the online conference alongside all their usual work for WALs which had grown significantly over the last four years since their appointment with the introduction of webinars, the PhD and Early Career Researchers network etc.

15.5 Christine Lee proposed a vote of thanks for the leadership of the WALs President during a very difficult year. She remarked that Pete and his team had given the organisation a conference that was never expected and she also thanked Catherine Lewis and all the time zone planning teams for their work.

16. Close

Pete thanked everyone for attending the AGM and for everyone's contributions to the success of the organisation in 2020. He wished everyone a Happy New Year with the hope that he would see everyone face to face in Macau/Hong Kong. The meeting closed at 15.45 (Singapore time).

Recorded by: Ms Jean Lang, Honorary General Secretary
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